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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: A.L. Strand) Confirmation No.: 3820
Serial No.: 10/002,811) Group Art Unit: 3724
Filed: November 2, 2001) Examiner: Stephen Choi
For: Punch Device for Creating a Guide) Atty. Dkt. No.: 86012-31400-USPT
Notch in a Polymeric Fastener)
Attached to a Plastic Package)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is provided in response to the Final Official Action dated September 2, 2005, and the Advisory Action dated November 22, 2005, the period for response having been extended one month to January 3, 2006, by the petition filed concurrently herewith. The Amendment is provided to expedite resolution of this matter by placing this application in condition for allowance and/or in better condition for appeal. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following Amendments and Remarks into the file of this application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.



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TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

Applicants respectfully submit herewith:

1. Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116;
2. Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate); and
3. Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Winston & Strawn Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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January 3, 2006

Date